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Letter dated 14 May 2014 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and Chair of the fifty-first and fifty-second sessions of the Commission for Social Development addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Commission for Social Development for the fifty-first and fifty-second sessions, in reference to General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, by which the subsidiary bodies of the Council are invited to contribute, as appropriate, to the work of the Council in keeping with the agreed annual theme.

The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-second session from 11 to 21 February 2014 in New York, during which it considered the priority theme "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all", and issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. During the course of the session, the Commission convened three high-level panel discussions on (1) the priority theme, (2) emerging issues: the social drivers of sustainable development and (3) the family, in observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, 2014.

I believe the discussions held during the fifty-second session of the Commission are closely linked to the main theme of the Economic and Social Council for 2014, "Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future".

A Chair's summary of the discussions held during the fifty-second session of the Commission, which could further enrich the Council's deliberations, is available on the website of the Commission (http://undesadspd.org/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2014.aspx).

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I would like to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Economic and Social Council for its consideration under item 5 (c) of the provisional agenda of the 2014 session of the Council.

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